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Energy Sources– Past, Present And Future

THE dwindling reserves of oil and natural gas have focused attention on alternate sources of energy. Some analysts look to the development of a single "ideal" form of energy that will rapidly take over and reign in perpetuity.

Indeed, a few commentators have shown signs of feeling insecure unless they can see energy supplies going thousands of years into the future.

In reality, however, man's energy needs have been supplied by an overlapping succession of fuels. First came firewood, then coal, oil and gas, and now nuclear fission. Waterpower, of course, was an early source of energy, and continues to be one. In the future, the possibilities are fusion power, solar power, geothermal energy, tidal energy and even power extracted from the wind and waves.

In practice, the older fuels seem never to be completely exhausted; they simply take up a position or decreasing importance in the world's energy economy.

Firewood is still the primary source of energy for more than a third of the world's people according to Erik P. Eckholm of the Worldwatch Institute in Washington D. C.

In his report, "The Other Energy Crisis, Firewood" Eckholm noted that for many people the real energy crisis is the daily scramble to find the wood they need to cook dinner. In the once heavily forested Himalayan foothills of Nepal, for example, journeying out to gather firewood is now an entire day's task, and some farmers have started to use cow dung as cooking fuel—a practice carried out in many other parts of the world.

The firewood crisis, like many other resource problems, is forcing a basic re-analysis of man's relationship with the land. In deed, one scientist in the USA has proposed a return to firewood home heating. With modern forestry techniques, he claims it would be possible to establish forest farms that in 20 years could supply a substantial portion of the home heating requirements in the form of firewood. Such a source of energy would be selfrenewing.

Coal also may well enjoy a revival if new technological advances in its extraction come along to give it a new lease of life. One of the great obstacles that will have to be overcome, however, is the environmental pollution caused by the burning of coal.

Since the dramatic increase in the price of oil and gas, nuclear power has become an economic alternative for fossil fuels in many regions of the world. In response to requests, the International Atomic Energy Agency carried out nuclear power planning studies for Bangladesh, Indonesia, Pakistan and Hong Kong and sent a nuclear power advisory mission to Kuwait. The Agency has also published a guide book, "Steps to Nuclear Power", which summarizes the necessary steps before implementation of the first nuclear power plant in a country.

In many advanced industrial countries, it appears that there is no practical alternative to nuclear fission energy (including breeder reactors) as a successor to oil and natural gas. None of the other possible technologies—solar, fusion, etc.—are anywhere near ready for exploitation on a larger scale.

Thus, nuclear fission power is likely to be the next predominant source of energy, and although it will succeed fossil fuels, it will not entirely replace them.

Words To Remember

Laying the foundation stone of an auditorium to commemorate the silver jubilee of the Trivandrum Medical College, the Prime Minister said that while they must have the latest and the more sophisticated in medicine, it should not be at the cost of taking medicine to the rural areas and the remote corners of the country.

There was a curious situation in our country, More and more people were entering the medical profession and yet quite a large number, about 80 per cent of them were treating only 20 per cent of the country's population. The vast majority of the people were still deprived of proper medical attention.

So the medical profession must think on much broader lines, not only searching for new medicines, to acquire knowledge, and try to do research on what was existing in our country, but at the same time to see how this knowledge, whether it was old or new, could be used for the whole country.

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Addressing a public meeting in Trivandrum, the Prime Minister said privileges and rights should be balanced by the duties of citizens and this was what the contemplated changes in the constitution sought to provide for.

It was true that no penalty was attached for not doing one's duty. But the attention of the younger generation should be focussed on what they should do for the country.

"Because we had to agitable for our freedom, it does not mean that all our life we must go on agitating for the sake of agitations.'

"The time now is to build We should strive hard to achieve higher levels This means greater opportunities, better life and higher standards for our people. It also means greater strength to protect the country from our enemies and for the uplift of the weaker and poorer sections".

It was only when the people did not have to look to the government for everything that they could claim the country had become really free and democratic in the full sense of the word. This called for the creation of a feeling of responsibility in every individual, young and old.

There was no secret about the Congress policies and programmes. "We have nothing to hide and we are clear about the direction in which we are moving. We know that our programmes have made this country strong and helped in difficult times. Our policies have been vindicated by what has been happening in the country and outside".

They would not claim that they had solved all the problems, "but we have been working night and day with all the resources at our command to do the ground work for reducing poverty ".

The steps taken by the government had helped to open the doors of opportunities that had remained closed for centuries. If everyone could not work though those doors, it did not mean that the door was not leading to the right direction ' we must extend the opportunities to move and move people."

THUS SPAKE THE MAHATMA

This may be considered to be quixotic, but it is my firm faith that he who undertakes to do something in the name of God and with full faith in Him, even at the end of his days, does not work in vain; and I am sure that the work I have undertaken is not mine, but is God's.

ASOKA SCENTED BETELNUT POWDER

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SUNDAY Sep. 26, 1976

STORAGE PROBLEM

In spite of droughts and floods, food production seems to be maintained at last year's bumper harvest level. Some states have even anticipated increases.

Procurement and storage seem to be real problems.

In this connection, a report from Andhra Pradesh makes interesting reading.

It says: "At the moment all the godowns in the State are full of stocks of the last year's Khariff as well as the Rabi (second crop) arrivals.

"The Khariff crop—the main paddy crop (for this year) will be ready for harvest from almost the third week of October and mandis will be flooded with grains in Nov-Dec and January.

"Even if all available resources are commissioned not more than one lakh tonnes can be moved out of the State every month."

About the Food Corporation's capacity to purchase stocks the report says that though it has been indicated that purchase centres can go upto 1000 (against 300 last year), it is not known whether the required personel, who include quality control inspectors, are available with the FCI. It has also mentioned that even if liberal credit is available from the banks, it would be a problem to entrust this amount (in cash) to those asked to make the purchases.

This must be the position in all surplus states.

The problem of storage is not new. It has been there since we started importing food grains. But nothing seems to have been done to solve it.

The farmer raises a crop in three months. The bureaucrat is not able to put up a shed within that time to store what the farmer has produced against heavy odds.

It is also not clear why stocks are held for a whole year when reports of scarcity pockets are coming often. The stored stocks could have been released to stabilise prices instead of allowing them to rot.

The real enemies are not the rodents and pests. They have to be found elsewhere.

Fantastic-Isn't It?

(By A Correspondent)

The stupidity of mass adoration of the matinee idol seems to have reached an absurd level.

Mr. M. G. Ramachandran, founder of the Anna Dravida Mannetra Kazhagam, has called upon his followers to get the black & red party flag with Anna's figure tattooed on their bodies.

In a message to his fans about the celebration of Anna's birthday, the stunt king of the Tamil screen has said: Let Anna DMK flag fly on every house and party office. Even our bodies should shine with the flag. Everyone of my birthern should get Anna's flag tattooed on his body. All brothers and sisters of Anna should carry on their bodies the tattooed flags.

Resentful murmurs were heard among the educated in the party. The ADMK leader came out with an explanation: "In the south, the wife has the name of her husband tattooed; likewise the husband. Mother carries the names of her children. So there is nothing new about it. Why should we feel ashamed to carry Anna's figure?"

This would also prevent frequent crossing of floors by partymen, he hinted.

Top leaders have already yielded. Organising Secretary of ADMK, Mr. K.A. Krishnaswami M. P. and Mr. Maya Thevar M. P. from Dindigul have shown the way. Pictures of district leaders extending their hands for tattooing are appearing in newspapers.

Bonded labour has been abolished by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. What to do with the branded slaves?

Many may not know that a health problem is involved. One of the factors for spread of leprosy in Asian countries is tattooing.

Anna DMK's claim of membership is astronomical. And if all of them decide to carry Anna's flag engraved on their bodies, the health hazard can be understood.

We have learnt to enjoy the antics of political leaders in every part of India. But we feel the state has a duty to prevent this mass branding of gullible Tamilians.

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There is supposed to be no power cut for agriculture in the State. But people in the districts know that farms get power supply only for half a day and thoughout the night.

There is some good news for agriculturists who are forced to water their lands in the nights only.

Mr. S. D. Williams, Metreological officer who has been associated with the UNDP ground water projects in the state, has suggested irrigation of paddy fields during night when evaporation is negligible.

The suggestion is made specially for Thanjavur Delta, facing water shortage now.

He says that more water is lost by evaporation than what is received from the annual rainfall in the Delta region.

The late arrival of the S. W. monsoon this year and the low storage position in the irrigation reservoirs has further accentuated the problem, he adds.

Mr. Williams explains evaporation increased rapidly a few hours after the sun rise and reached the peak level around noon when the heat was highest.

Therefore the best time to carry out irrigation and spread water over the fields would be at night when evaluation loss was minimum.

Here is justification for power supply for farms during nights. Farm labour may get a night shift, of course with special allowances.

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The government of India have fixed a higher target for export of coffee from last year's Rs. 66 crores to 90 crores. In phys cal terms the new target is 1. 5 lakh tons.

This was disclosed by Mr. M. Venkataratnam, chairman of the coffee Board, while addressing the members of the Krishna District Heavy Engineering Project Committee.

To meet the target, it was necessary to bring in additional acreage under coffee cultivation.

At present, he said, coffee was cultivated only over four lakh acres and it was proposed to add four lakh acres more under coffee.

Can coffee be grown at such short notice, one wonders. The shortest term for paddy is 80 days.

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It is common knowledge now that the DMK government had played havoc with irrigation projects to gain support for the party ignoring existing rights.

The latest to come to light is the DMK government's decision to extend the ayacut of the inter-state Parambikulam-Aliyer project by another 1.15 lakh acres in Coimbatore dt.

Following representations, the present govt. has decided to review the D.M.K. decision, according to The Hindu.

The newspaper says: The decision to extend the ayacut which came as a darting gift from the D.M.K. Goverment before its exit from office early this year, had touched off a controversy. It was then alleged that the D. M. K. Government announced the decision with an eye on the elections.

"Unfortunately, these decisions (to extend ayacut and supply water on alternate years) were taken under political pressure, it is alleged, and the fact that these were decided upon without relevance to the conditions obtaining here and without the notice of the District Collector, the Director of Agriculture or the Commissioner of Food Production (which is the usual procedure) lent credence to the allegation," the newspaper adds.

An official report on the DMK. Govt's decision said: "The Government has taken a policy decision to extend the ayacut by 1,15,000 acres and also identified the villages to be benfited even in the absence of a precise analysis of all issues such as cropping patterns, use of waters, extent and area of ground water recharge, benefit cost aspects, etc."

A senior engineer who was associated with the project for about a decade said it was unfortunate that PAP ayacut extension had always been a subject of political intrigues and interference and officials had to act often to satisfy their political bosses.

Aggressive Football

When the Norrkoping customs officers were inspecting the luggage of Hapoel Petch Tikva, the Israeli football team who had arrived in Sweden for a series of friendly matches, they discovered to their surprise that there were four sub-machine guns complete with ammunition in the suitcases of the trainer and two other persons of the party. The weapons were confiscated and the trio charged with illegal possession of arms.

Flourishing Trade In Stolen Cars

Hamburg (DaD): Police all over the Federal Republic of Germany are alarmed at the flourishing trade in stolen cars smuggled south in the direction of the Mediterranean and the Middle East or even further afield. The police are so worried by the ruses to which this branch of organised crime resorts that they prefer not to state chapter and verse, but international car thieves specialise in the de luxe price bracket, such as Mercedes.

Orders are placed either in this country or abroad and the stolen vehicles driven from Munich via Salzburg to Zagreb and on to the Middle East. An estimated fifteen per cent of cars reported stolen are spirited abroad in this way—thousands every year. The risk is slight, since insurance companies are only too happy to recover the stolen vehicles without costly litigation and 'buyers' who claim to have bought them in good faith can seldom be proved to have been other than innocent victims.

CID officers in the Federal Republic would like to step up international efforts to bring this lucrative trade to a halt. A stolen Mercedes worth, say, 40.000 deutschmarks is sold at a discount of between sixty and seventy per cent in the Middle East. In Europe it is worth only half this amount.

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Life of Dental Fillings Prolonged

A new technique in dentistry that may prolong the life of the composite resin fillings commonly used to repair front teeth has been found.

Scientists at the American Dental Association Health Foundation Research Unit of the U. S. Commerce Department's National Bureau of Standards (NBS) are reported to have found a way to increase the wear resistence of composite materials, which consist of tiny glass particles mixed in a plastic resin. Although gold and silver alloys are the most durable materials for tooth fillings, composite resins are used to repair front teeth because they provide a more natural appearance.

The new technique involves a heat treatment and a chemical process to etch the surface of the tiny glass particles used as filler in the composite material. The plastic resin should then penetrate the etched surface of the glass and "lock" the particles in place.

Research to verify the effectiveness of the new technique is now underway, funded by the American Dental Association and the National Institute of Dental Research.

School On Wheels

Munich (DaD): When Circus Krone is in its Munich winter quarters the artistes' children go to normal schools in the Bavarian capital. But from April on, when the circus goes on tour, it is accompanied by a school on wheels run by the Bavarian Education Ministry.

The schoolroom is an old caravan in which high-wire artists, clowns, lion-tamers and jugglers used to live. Circus children aged between seven and fourteen are given up to 32 lessons a week. Arithmetic and mathematics prove no problem; gymnastics tends to be a more makeshift arrangement. But lessons are taken seriously and summer semester report forms signed, sealed and delivered in Munich.

Lessons are interrupted when the circus is actually on the move but teachers and pupils make up for lost time as soon as the Big Top is erected and the show goes on. Pupils and staff comprise a variety of nationalities and both the circus and its school on wheels are multilingual.

The children have no difficulty in conversing in a variety of languages but the written word has more than its share of pitfalls. Their hobbies differ from those of other children of their age. In art classes they paint mainly circus scenes and many circus children thrill at the thought of riding—but horses are only one of the mounts they have in mind. Bare-back riding camels and elephants form part of their everyday surroundings.

Protecting The Fields

A new weed killer known as phenogen has been evolved at the Armenian Agricultural Institute's topical laboratory for the synthesis and tests of herbicides. It is to be used in sowings of grass crops. The herbicide has been widely tested on the farms o fArmenia and in other republics and has shown high efficiency. Its another advantage is low production costs.

The prodaction of phenogen has now been organised. Meantime scientists are going ahead with their searches. They have just passed on for state trials a weed killer for potato plantations, known as metazin.

Knights Of The Blood Pudding

A new literary society called the Fraternity of the Knights of the Blood Pudding has been set up in the French town of Montagne. There will be a prize awarded every year for the best ode to the blood pudding.

Culinary Olympics

Frankfurt/Main (DaD): Chefs from 21 countries are competing for Olympic honours at this year's Frankfurt food fair, Federal Republic of Germany. Cuba, which fared so well at Montreal, is taking part for the first time, while the Polish team includes the first-ever female chef.

Five Frankfurt restaurants will be at the competitors' disposal and an international jury will award gold, silver and bronze medals for the menus served. Visitors to the Frankfurt food fair—and more than 100,000 are expected to pass through the turnstiles—will have an opportunity of sampling the award-winning menus.

The culinary Olympics are held in Frankfurt every four years under the auspices of the professional body representing 11,000 chefs de cuisine in the Federal Republic and West Berlin. Their mouth-watering progress will be followed with interest by amateurs and gourmets alike.

The food fair will also feature 14,000 square metres (three and a half acres) of hotel and catering equipment. Specialists will demonstrate ice cream extravaganzas, cooking with beer, sculpting in butter, vegetable preparation, oyster opening and apple strudel expertise.

Howard Hughes Heirs

Although less than six months have passed since the the death of American multimillionaire Howard Hughes, at least thirty last wills and testaments have been presented in court by persons claiming his estate, which is estimated at approximately $2 500 million. According to the Paris "Figaro," all these wills and testaments have one thing in common; they contradict one another. One is dated 1938, but the legasee it names, a company called Summa, was founded only in 1972. Another leaves everything to a young man who claims to be the late multimillionaire's natural son. The third mentions actress Terry Moore who reportedly was married to Hughes secretly eight years ago. The heir that stands to get most, however, is the tax bureau which is lawfully entitled to 77 per cent of the estate.

Sri Sai Baba Mahasamadhi Day Celebrations

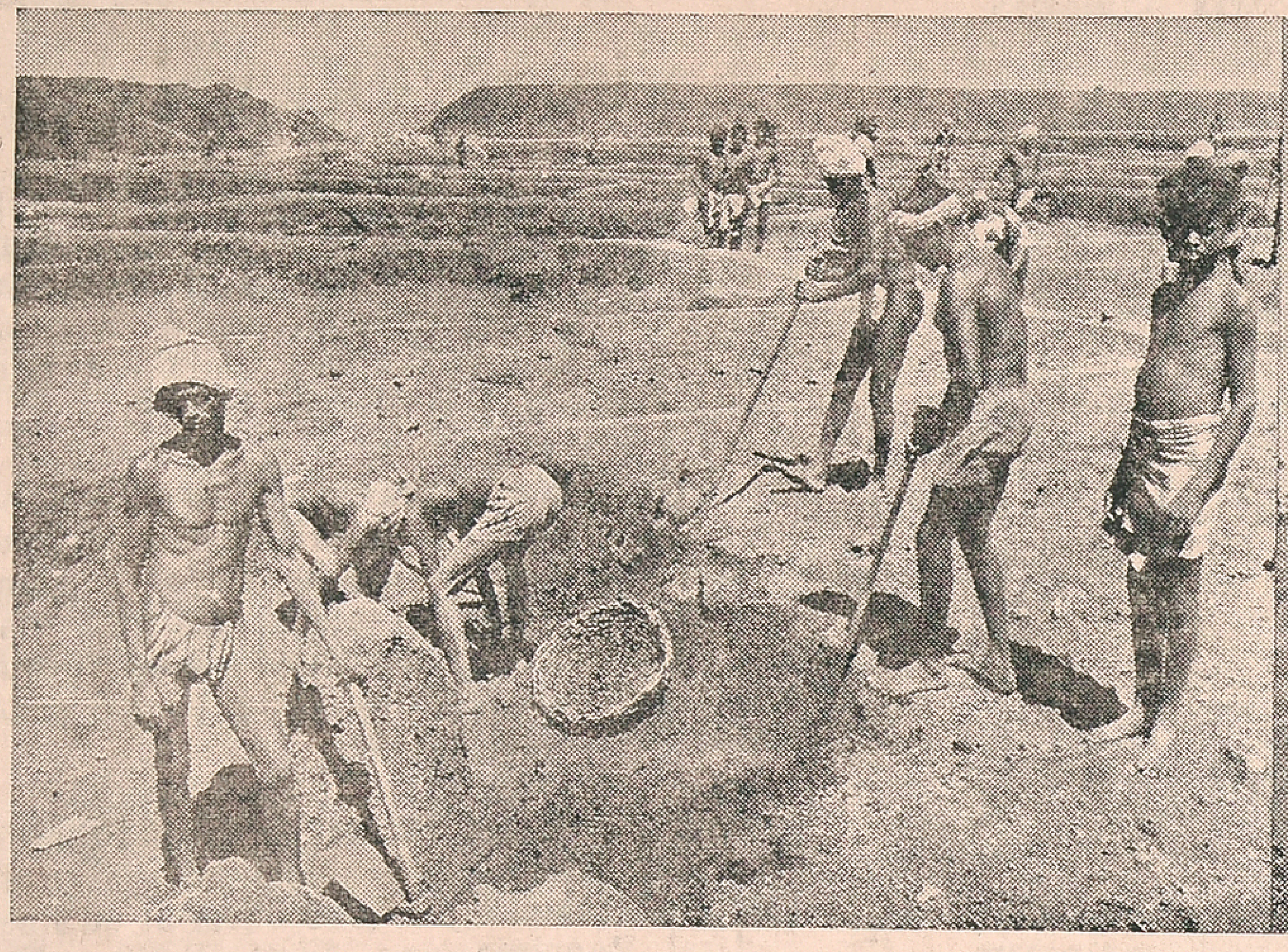
Sri Sai Baba Mahasamadhi Day will be celebrated on Sunday the 3rd October, 1976 between 5 and 10 P.M. at Sri Shirdi Sai Baba Mandir, Shenoynagar, Madras 600 030. under the auspices of Sri Sai Baba Bhaktha Samajam (Regd).

There will be a concert of devotional songs by Gandharva Gana Jyothi Sri. K. Veeramani & his party from 6 P.M.

Special Puja will be performed at the Mandir by H; H. Swami Kesavaiahji and devotees will receive Baba's Udhi from Swamiji. Prasadam (Sweets) will be distributed to devotees.

All are welcome.

Those who wish to contribute can send their donation to the above mentioned address.



Picture on the left shows work in progress at the Amaikulam Tank in Kizhaveeranam village. Right picture: villagers working in the Kurukkalpatti village tank under the drought relief scheme.

Drought Relief Work In Tirunelveli District

Tirunelveli District in Tamil Nadu is in the grip of drought for the second year now. Kovilpatti taluk is the most affected in the district.

Relief work is on in full swing throughout the district. Both the local people and authorities are striving hard to overcome the difficult situation.

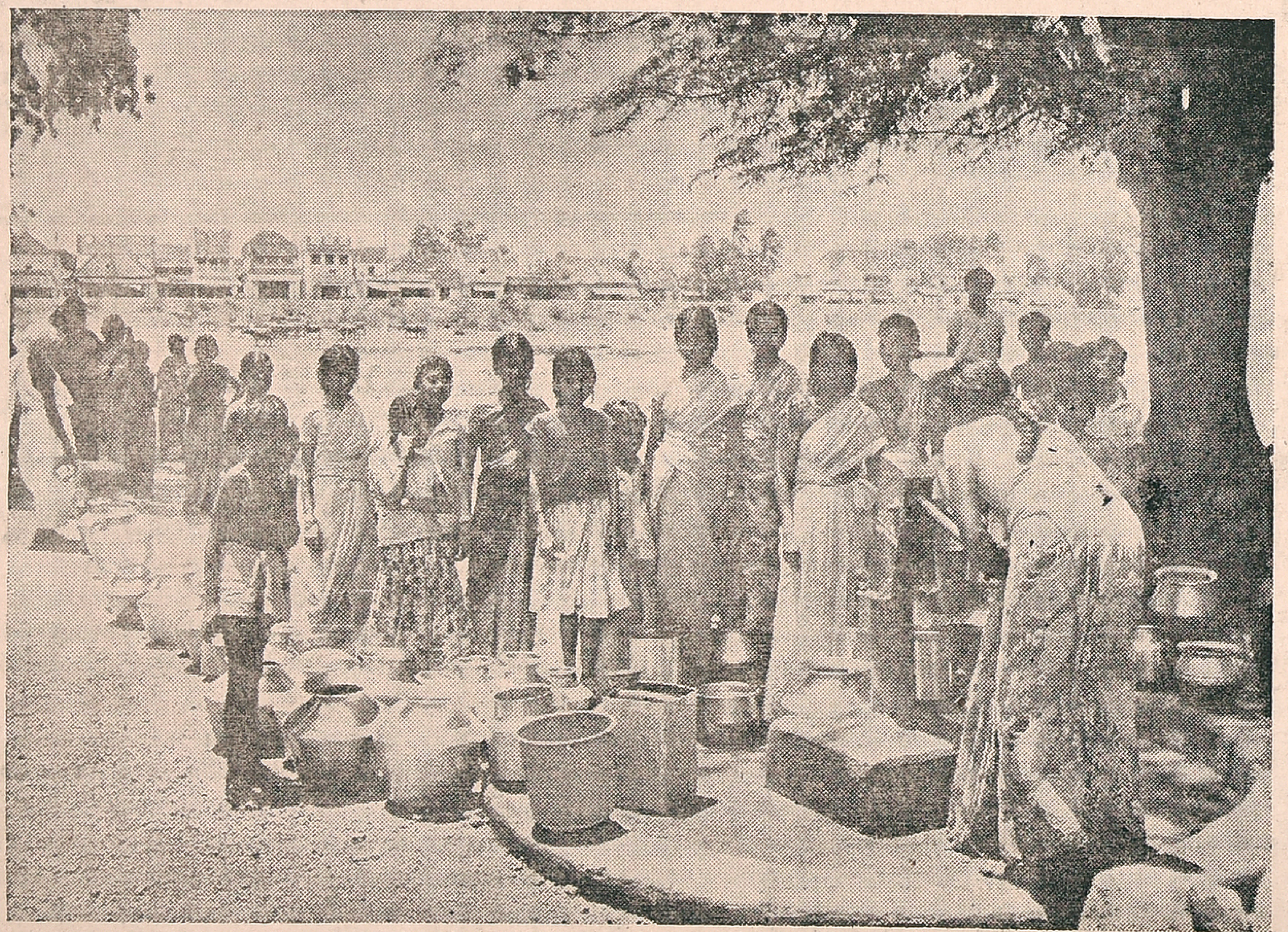
Relief measures taken last year were of temperory nature. This year relief schemes have been implemented with a long term perspective. The public works departments are incharge of relief operations this year, where as the works were entrusted to Panchayats and local bodies last year.

Nearly twenty thousand persons are employed daily at an average wage of Rs. 5/- per day per worker in the various projects.

Bunding the lakes and tanks, laying new roads, repairing existing roads, digging new wells and repairing old ones are the main works that are now under way.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi visited the drought affected areas in the district recently. She saw some of the operations. She met the people and assured them of full co-operation and help from the govt. to retrieve them from the miseries of drought.

There was welcome showers when the Prime Minister arrived in the district, which gave revived hope for a bright future.



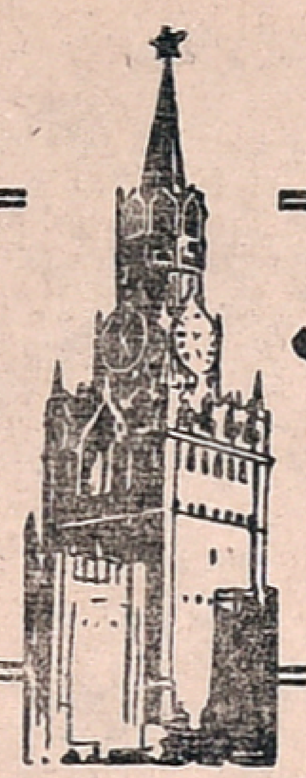
A deep bore well dug in Alangulam village, has ensured drinking water supply to the villagers.

Perumal, a graduate, is engaged in road laying work in Puliyampatti.

Under the Bonded Labour Abolition Act, 38 persons were released from the clutches of the landlords in Abishekapatti village in Tirunelveli Dist., recently. Picture shows three of such persons working at a farm. They have been sent for rehabilitation to a cattle farm where they do manual work and earn as much as Rs. 6/- per day.

SHRAMDAN BY STUDENTS

About one hundred students of the Tenkanal College National Service Scheme are working with the people of the area in the construction of a dam of 230 ft length and 90 ft breadth in Tenkanal in Orissa. When the dam is completed it will irrigate over 200 acres of land that has been alloted to the landless workers. It will also stand as an example of how goodwill and cooperation can be used to solve common problems. It is expected to be completed shortly. Picture shows the students working at the site.



Muscovite's Diary

Ivan Ivanov

EXHIBITION OF INDIAN FRESCOES IN MOSCOW

Recently I had the opportunity to participate at the opening of an exhibition of Indian frescoes, in the Exhibition Hall standing in the centre of Moscow, in the presence of so many distinguished guests.

It was opened by L. Karateyev, Secretary of the Union of Artists of the USSR. Expressing thanks to the Indian Ministry of Culture for the organisation of this interesting exposition, he said: "Soviet art critics have devoted quite a few of their works to Ajanta and Ellora, the world famous artistic monuments of ancient India. Presenting the copies of frescoes from the temples which are little known to us, this exhibition opens a new page in our acquaintance with the art of India".

"It is symptomatic", he continued, "that the exhibition is being held when the Fifth Anniversary of the Treaty of Peace, Friendship, and co-operation between the USSR and India and the Twenty-Ninth Anniversary of India's Independence are being celebrated in the Soviet Union on a large scale. This exhibition is a link in the chain of undertakings carried out throughout the Soviet Union in this connection.

The Indian Ambassador to the Soviet Union I.K. Gujral, speaking on the occasion expressed confidence that the exhibition of frescoes would not only attract the attention of Indologists and artists, but also anyone who is interested in India. There are very many of such people in the Soviet Union.

He pointed out as the remarkable feature of Soviet-Indian relations that the striving to strengthen friendship between the two people existed on a truly nation-wide level.

Smt. D. Apaswami, well-known Indian art critic and the Director of the Exhibition had noted later in an interview that it was a pleasure to her to acquaint the Muscovites with the art of ancient India.

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COSMONAUTICS AND NATURE PROTECTION

Cosmonautics is already making an essential contribution to nature protection. It will further increase in the future. The flight of "Salyut-5" is an important step to this future.

The successful work performce by the two Soviet cosmonauts, Boris Volynov and Vitaly Zholobov on board this orbital research station has yielded information about the state of natural environment in the areas of major construction sites of the Soviet Union, helped explore the areas that are interesting in Hydrological and seismological respects, observe the development of crops and many other things. In addition, the flight provided information about the state of ecological systems of major regions and the biosphere on the whole.

These facts have been highlighted in an article published in the widely circulated Soviet newspaper PRAVDA.

The Salyut stations, says the article, help resolve many important national economic problems. Space earth studies, mapping and meteorology make it possible to raise nature protection to a qualitatively new level.

Of great significance, it is pointed out, is a speady drawingup of special maps reflecting the state of natural environment of both individual areas and major regions, up to the territory of the whole country and continents. Space photography provides materials of exceptional value for these purposes. Observations of the cosmonauts themselves are also necessary. A well trained specialist cannot only speedily report from orbit about natural phenomena but make conclusions and put forward hypotheses, says the article.

The influence of space research on the activity on the Earth, the article notes, is not limited to the observation function. This, for example, geneticists hope to achieve a change in the heredity of plants in the orbital flight. The development of closed-circuit life-sustaining systems can also be useful. Near earth orbits can also become a place of production of a number of medicinal preparations and high precision products.

HIS WORRY

Mother: "Come along, Tony, get ready for school."

Tony, aged five, in surprise and disgust: "What—again? It's no good. I went all day yesterday, and I can't read yet."

Fun And Laughter

EXERCISE!

The blacksmith's sweetheart entered the forge just as he paused to wipe the perspiration from his brow.

"Shall we go to the pictures tonight, John?" she asked.

"Nay, lass" he replied. "I'm playing darts for the club."

"I'm tired of you and your silly darts."

"Come, come," pleaded the blacksmith, picking up a heavy hammer, "a man must get exercise sometimes."

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LAUGHING STOCK

After having worked his way up to a high Government position, a man visited the village where he was born.

"I suppose the people here, Tom, have heard of the honour that has been conferred on me?" he asked an old school fellow.

"Yes," was the gratifying reply.

"And what do they say about it?"

"They don't say anything," was the reply, "they just laugh."

HOWLERS

Correcting examination papers at a certain university is not all dull routine. Now and then the professors come across some choice "beners" like these:

"The dome of St. Clement's is supported by eight peers, all of which are unfortunately cracked."

"Browning wrote principally herote cutlets."

"Shagespeare lived at Windsor with his merry wives."

"A spinster is a bachelor's wife."

"The object of 'he' is 'she'!"

NO THANKS

"What about the thirty shilings you owe me?"

"Quite all right—it's your birthday next Sunday and I'm going to bring it to you with my congratulations."

"You just bring the money I'll congratulate myself."

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COUNTERFEIT

"My poor fellow," said the lady, "here is a rupee for you It must be dreadful for you to be lame, but think how much worse it would be if you were blind."

"How right you are, lady," agreed the begger. "When I was blind I was always getting counterfeit money."

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AS PER INSTRUCTIONS

Kind lady: "Look here, my man, why do you always come to my house to beg?"

Tramp: "Doctor's orders, madam. He told me when I found food that agreed with me I should stick to it."

LOVE'S LABOUR LOST

"Why didn't you marry?" inquired the young of the old bachelor.

"Well, you see," replied the single one. "when I was quite young I resolved that I wouldn't marry until I found the ideal woman. After many years I found her."

"Lucky beggar! And then?"

"She was looking for the ideal man."

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FORCE OF HABIT

An eccentric man walked into a restaurant and sat down at a table. "What will you have sir?" asked the waiter.

The customer shook his head. "Not a thing," he replied. "I'm not hungry."

The waiter stared "Then what's the idea," he grumbled; "of coming in here?"

The customer shrugged his shoulders. "It's very simple," he explained. "This is my lunch hour.;

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EAVESDROPPING

A woman complained to a friend that the walls of her new apartment were so thin that the neighbours on either side could hear everything she said.

"Oh, I think you could eliminate that trouble," the other replied. "Just hang some tape-stries over your walls."

The woman considered the suggestion briefly, then shook her head.

"No, that wouldn't do," she replied. "Then we couldn't hear what they say."

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JEALOUS

The news that Joe had lost his job got around quickly, and a nosy friend asked: "Why did the foreman fire you?"

"You know what a foreman is"—Joe shrugged, "—the one who stands around and watches the other men work."

"What's that got to do with it," his friend wanted to know.

"Well he just got jealous on me." Joe explained, "people thought I was the foreman."

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TOO RISKY

A man went to an insurance officer to have his life insured. The insurance agent asked, "Do you drive?"

"No," said the applicant.

"Do you fly?"

"No," answered the applicant to second time.

"Sorry, sir," said the agent curtly, "but our company no longer insures pedestrians."

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THE PUNISHMENT

"I'm going to give you the maximum punishment," the judge announced to a crestfallen defendant. "I'm not going to put you in our nice gaol. I'm going to let you go free and worry about taxes, shortages, rationing, unemployment, politics, war, pre-war post-war, the high cost of living—just like the rest of us."

For The Week 26th September To Ocotober 2nd, 1976

MESHA (ARIES)
Aswini Bharani
Krittika 1/4

THE week begins with a lot of emphasis on financial matters. At home your word will have greater weight. Some advantages are in the offing. Though certain obstacles may be there is acquiring properities, official atmosphere continues to be productive. As there are some favourable influences, go ahead with your planning. Continued application is necessary. The flow of finance is satisfactory. Make hay while sun shines.

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VRISHABA (TAURUS)
Krittika 3/4 Rohini
Mrigashirsha 1/2

SUNDAY and Monday are enjoyable. But, you must have an eye on finance. Mental outlook may change. Avoid haste. Friday and Saturday are productive and you can score some gains. Domestic atmosphere is not very good. Misunderstanding and friction are seen. Avoid speculation and argument. Health troubles may be there.

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MITHUNA (GEMINI)
Mrigashirsha 1/2 Arudra
Punarvasu 3/4

THE week is ordinary. A number of items will attract your attention Expenses are high. But you can enjoy life to some extent. Family problems are taxing. Weakness and some ailment in the head are likely. Try to keep health above average. Some change is seen in official atmosphere. Intellectual activity is rewarding. But frequent worries at home should be surmounted.

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KATAKA (CANCER)
Punarvasu 1/4 Pushya
Ashlesha

THERE is mental elevation. Finance is better. The whole week is favourable. Though there is some relief in physical strain, expenses are high. Go ahead with yout efforts and success is indicated. Personal comforts will increase. Recognition and reward are indicated. Help from others and a high intellectual ardour are possibilities. You must be able to gain financial advantages by the weight of of your intelligence. Be courageous and optimistic. Sunday Monday, Friday and Saturday are good.

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SIMHA (LEO)
Maka Purva Palguni
Uttara Palguni 1/4

YOUR main idea now is to make more money. Some opportunities are seen for constructive work. But, emotional setback is seen. Pray to God. While profession may not be financially much rewarding, you can derive comfort from many things, if you care to look within yourself. Speculation is no good. At home, avoid quarrels. Money matters produce hitch. Be more accommodative and tide over current strain. There is no other way.

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KANYA (VIRGO)
Uttara Palguni 3/4 Hastha
Chitra 1/2

FROM Tuesday, the week is productive. Expenses, however, will increase. Physical strain is there. Outside help cannot be ruled out. In office, obstinacy should be replaced by obedience and application to work. Avoid speculation. Your judgement will go wrong. Domestic scene is mixed. Some of your relatives will expect help from you. Do not be harsh.

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THULA (LIBRA)
Chitra 1/2 Swathi
Visakha 3/4

THOUGH you may get some indirect benefit, there is need for caution on Sunday and Monday. Domestic affairs are not coming up to your level. Residential problems may crop up. Contacts will be fruitful very often. But, long term investments call for vigilance. Try to maintain the good will of your relatives. If you are not accommodative some misunderstanding with your associates, is likely. Political affairs show delayed fruition.

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VRISCHIKA (SCORPIO)
Vishakha 1/4 Anuradha
Jyeshtha

THE week is progressive. You must try to complete oustanding matters. Financial matters continue as before. At home there is tolerable comfort. Public relations will produce result with a bit more application. Tendency to get stomach trouble is there. There are some opportunities for getting the goodwill and help from big people. Emotional reaction should be avoided. You are likely to feel dissatisfied, if you are not vigilant.

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DHANUS (SAGITTARIUS)
Mula Purva Ashadha
Uttara Ashadha 1/4

BARRING a tolerably good official prospect, you may not feel all right in most of the other matters. But the week as a whole is indicative of some progress. You may be either home-sick or sickness at home will make you suffer. Pray to God. Vitality is low. Some pressure from creditors is seen. In office, your work is appreciated and you may get chances to show your mettle.

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MAKARA (CAPRICORNUS)
Uttara Ashadha 3/4
Shravana-Dhanistha 1/2

SUNDAY and Monday will stimulate your thinking on financial problems. Renewed look is necessary, lest you will be lost in self delusion. Life gives you a mixed fate now. Extreme weakness and frequent mental worries are seen. Your domestic responsibilities will increase. Relatives may not come to your rescue. Carry on with patience. But, there is some co-operation from your co-workers.

GLOSSARY

Arudra	—திருவாதிரை
Pushya	—பூசம்
Ashlesha	—ஆயில்யம்
Purva Phalguni	—பூரம்
Uttara Phalguni	—உத்திரம்
Anuradha	—அனுஷம்
Jyeshtha	—கேட்டை
Purva Ashada	—பூராடம்
Uttara Ashada	—உத்திராடம்
Shravana	—திருவோணம்
Dhanistha	—அவிட்டம்
Satha Bhishag	—சதயம்
Purva Bhadrapada	—பூரட்டாதி
Uttara Bhadrapada	—உத்திரட்டாதி

KUMBHA (AQUARIUS)
Dhanishta 1/2 Sathabhishag
Purva Badrapada 3/4

THERE is no worthwhile influence to buoy you up. Dullness and lack of optimism are seen. With expenses increasing and with no appreciation from members of family your task will be made difficult. Do not rush into things. Official work calls for patience and understanding. Avoid speculation. Violent thinking and emotional reaction should be avoided.

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MEENA (PISCES)
Purva Badrapada 1/4
Uttara Badrapada Revati

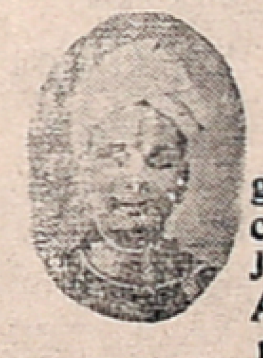
THE week opens with good influences at home and in social matters. Family ties will increase. Thoughts on children, family, work and efforts to better finance are your exclusive engagement now. Some gains in intellectual work, lucky trends and enjoyment of domestic atmosphere are possible. But, in public relations avoid haste. Take better care of health.

Fined For Naught

Danish photographer Viggo Frisdal told a court that he would rather go to jail than pay an unjustly imposed fine. Some time ago, he had been notified by the tax bureau to pay 0.00 crown in tax. Thinking it was a joke (and it was really an error by the computer), Frisdal returned the bill. Soon after that he received a notification to pay a 100-crown fine for refusing to pay tax.

His Reaction

About a year ago a group of sectarians in the little town of Fort Smith (Arkansas, U.S.A.) announced that they got two messages "from God" about "the second coming of Jesus" and that they were told to remain in a house and keep vigil. The vigil began in the house owned by Gene Nance. In anticipation of the event he quit making payments on a $15,000 mortgage.



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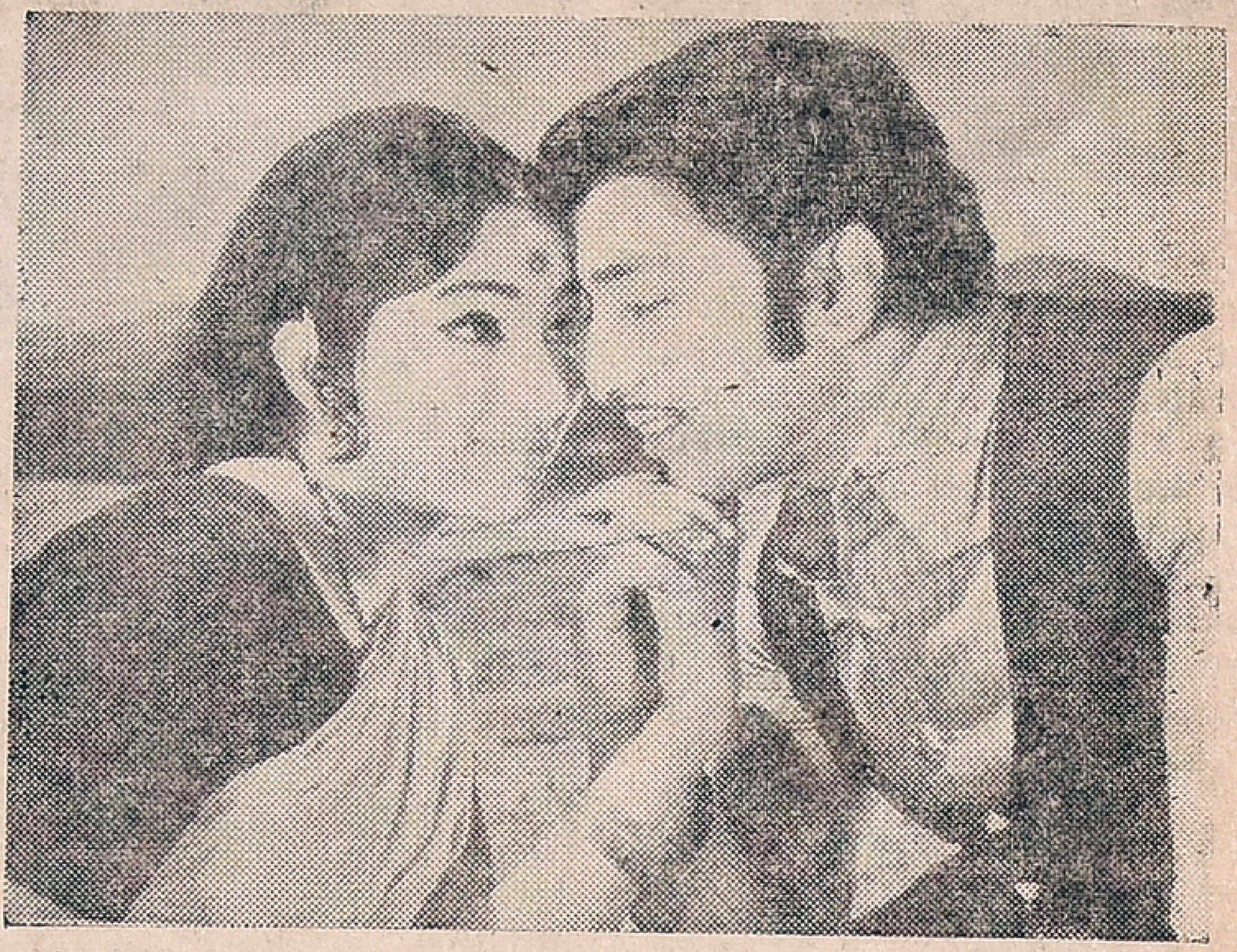
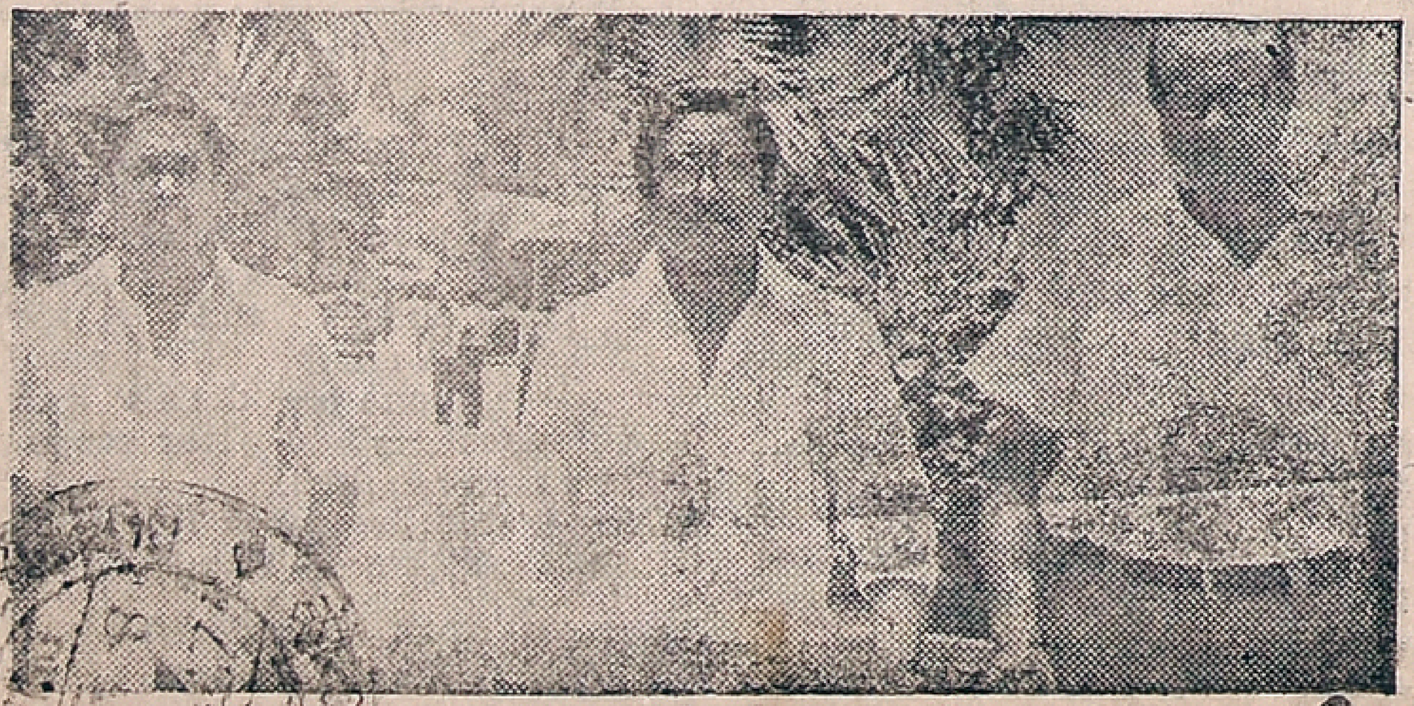


Lakshmi and Muthuraman in K. C. Films' "Seervarisai" (Tamil) to be released on Sept. 30. Swarnam is the director.

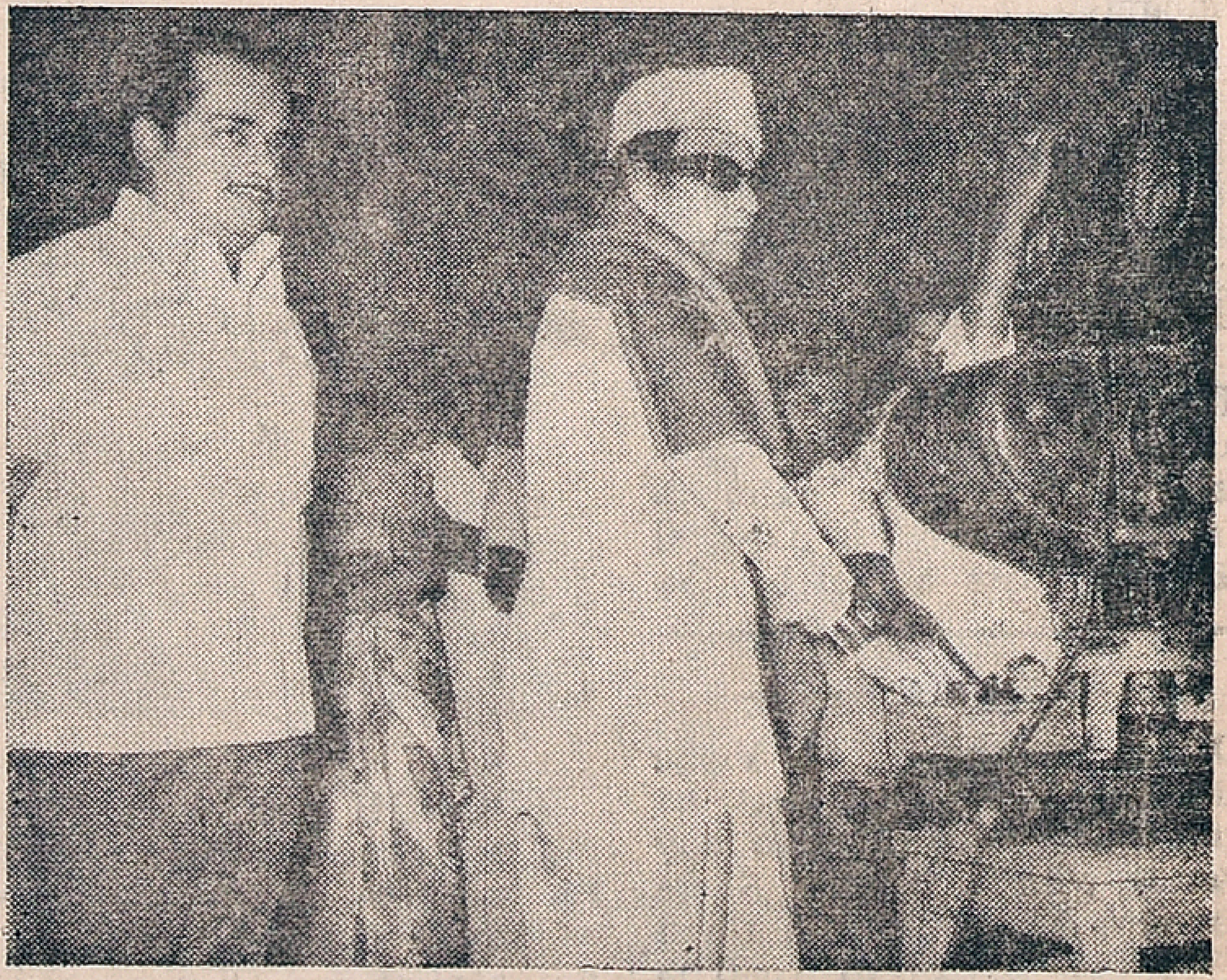
Sridevi and Kamalahasan as they appear in Chitranjali Films' "Kuttavum Sitshayam" (Malayalam). Produced by K. S. R. Moorthy, it it to be released shortly in Madras.

Film News In Pictures

Jayabharathi and Prem Nazir in the Malayalam film "Ammini Ammavan" directed by Hariharan for Thirumeni Pictures.



The trio (from l ft to right) producer K.S.R. Moorthy, director K. S. Sethumadhavan and cameraman Marcus Bartley at the inauguration of Chitranjali films' latest Malayalam venture.



M. G. Ramachandran is seen switching on the camera to mark the inauguration of Beevi Pictures' "Saghakkale Munnottu" (Malayalam) directed by Sasikumar. Producer-actor T. K. Balachandran looks on.

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